

SENATE RESOLUTION 25

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A RESOLUTION to honor Sigma Phi Epsilon on the occasion of the 54th Grand Chapter Conclave in Nashville.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body honor and specially distinguish those organizations whose stated goals advance the most noble precepts of human endeavors and whose histories of service in pursuing those goals represent an outstanding example to all who are touched by that record; and

WHEREAS, fraternities and sororities have played a major role in American college life since 1776 and have been major contributors to the cultural, social, and civic lives of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Phi Epsilon is an outstanding example of the Greek system at work and is an organization possessed of a long tradition of excellence; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Phi Epsilon was founded by twelve young men in 1901 at Richmond College, now the University of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the founders were dedicated to creating a different kind of fraternity that embraced a supportive experience among a brotherhood of high achievers; and

WHEREAS, ninety years later, these goals led to the creation of the Balanced Man Program, rooted in five philosophical tenets: equal rights and responsibilities, continuous development, accountability, living the ritual, and mentoring; and

WHEREAS, over the last two decades, Sigma Phi Epsilon has recruited more men than any other collegiate fraternity and is currently made up of over 15,000 undergraduates and 312,000 lifetime members; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Phi Epsilon hosts the largest biennial convention in the fraternity world, the Grand Chapter Conclave; and

WHEREAS, the 54th Grand Chapter Conclave will be held in Nashville on August 12–15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the members of Sigma Phi Epsilon should be commended for their exemplary civic contributions, public policy service, scholarship, and partnerships forged to implement the fraternity's mission; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the members of Sigma Phi Epsilon and commend the estimable members of the fraternity for their many civic contributions through the execution of their mission as they hold their 54th Grand Chapter Conclave in Nashville.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.